

House Resolution 1735

By: Representative Jenkins of the 8th

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Ira T. "I.T." Harkins on the occasion of his 87th birthday; commending the
2 Harkins family; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2006, Ira T. "I.T." Harkins will be celebrating the impressive
4 milestone of his 87th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, the son of Jim and Lola Harkins, I.T. Harkins served his country with great
6 distinction from 1941 to 1973 as a member of the United States Army, serving in World
7 War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War before retiring as a sergeant major; and

8 WHEREAS, I.T. Harkins is highly active in his community as the Keep Georgia Beautiful
9 coordinator for Union County, where he personally participates in the program's cleanups,
10 and as a member of the Union County Historical Society; and

11 WHEREAS, this outstanding Georgian comes from a family with a longstanding track record
12 of honorable service to this nation, with brothers Clyde and Harley Harkins both having
13 valiantly served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945; and

14 WHEREAS, their brother, the late Eldo Harkins, was a member of the United States Army
15 from 1941 to 1945, where he received a Purple Heart, and the late Ralph Harkins, twin
16 brother of Harley, also served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, Stella Mae, sister of the Harkins brothers, followed in their footsteps by serving
18 in the United States Air Force from 1956 to 1958; and

19 WHEREAS, I.T. Harkins's birthday will be celebrated on March 13, 2006, at 7:00 a.m. at
20 Suches General Store, where he and Clyde Harkins eat breakfast early every Monday

1 morning, and it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to take this opportunity to pay
2 tribute to this remarkable family's extraordinary service to our nation.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body join in congratulating Mr. Ira T. "I.T." Harkins on the happy
5 occasion of his 87th birthday and in commending the Harkins family for the noble and
6 courageous service of its members in the United States Armed Forces.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Ira "I.T." Harkins.